

Local Intelligence.

The weather on Thursday was again clear and pleasant.

The Seller's complication remains in *statu quo*. Still crooked!

The top at the Central House, on Monday evening, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The inclemency of the weather on Wednesday prevented country people from coming to town. Business did not amount to a row of pins.

RAIN.—On Wednesday morning we had a regular old-fashioned gully washing and root soaking rain, lasting from about 8 o'clock until noon. The streets are thoroughly cleaned.

TUESDAY was one of the duller days of the season. There was absolutely nothing doing, no excitement of any kind, nothing in fact on which to fabricate a lark.

A BANNER representative called at the City Assessor's office on Tuesday. Here he found a couple of policemen engaged in a very pleasant duty—that of drawing their pay.

POTATOES.—The merchants are still selling considerable quantities of Irish potatoes for planting purposes. Dr. A. H. Rippey has just finished planting twenty barrels, and says at 50 cents a bushel they beat cotton badly.

STREET WORK.—The city on Tuesday had about six or eight men with carts, etc., busily engaged repairing Main street. The streets will be put in as good order as it is possible to do with the limited fund available for the purpose.

SINCE the criminal docket has been disposed of the city wears a deserted look. Thursday afternoon there was only three or four saddle animals hitched to Courthouse fence. A few wagons came in for agricultural implements and supplies.

FARMING.—There was a large number of our planting friends in town Saturday, some of whom represent farming operations progressing quite satisfactorily. Plows are running regularly, and hands evince a willing disposition to work.

THE MUNICIPAL CAULDRON is simmering. There is much wire pulling going on, and candidates are feeling the ropes and looking at the weathercocks, just to see which way the wind blows.—After a little while the pot will begin a full boil, then look out for fun.

PARTY.—There will be a social hop at the Central House on next Monday evening. The Italian string band will furnish the music. A general invitation is extended to the young ladies and gentlemen of Brenham and vicinity.

GERMANIA CLUB.—On Sunday evening last there was a very pleasant, social dance given at the hall of this club. They have had their hall thoroughly repaired and cooled; they also have two very fine bowling alleys. The genial comeliness of E. O. J. Almet beams behind the bar.

VALENTINE DAY.—This occasion is near at hand, and those who indulge in the sport of sending comic and sentimental missives to their friends and enemies, will govern themselves accordingly. Messrs. McFarland & Aven have a supply of "the documents" on hand.

BEYOND drawing their pay the duties of the Metropolitan Police force are not onerous. The destruction of "bug juice" is limited to the smallest possible allowance. Drunks are very rare and arrests are seldom made—there being no occasion to take any one in.

CONNECTIONS.—A misunderstanding has grown out of an item published in the BANNER concerning certain effects of Mrs. Sellers, who died at the Insane Asylum at Austin. It is deemed but just to the officers of that institution to say that the parties supposed to be implicated reside in Washington county.

District Court.

FRIDAY.—Henry Williams, colored, was convicted of stealing an ox and given two years in the penitentiary.

Lucius Hollins, colored, pleaded guilty to the theft of a gelding and takes five years—the lowest term.

Joseph Eiler, white, was found guilty of a simple assault and fined one dollar and costs.

SATURDAY.—State vs. Eli West, stealing a mare; guilty; five years in the penitentiary.

State vs. Tom Woodward, indicted for the murder of Reuben Baldridge. The jury, after being out forty hours, rendered a verdict of manslaughter, and assessed the punishment at two years in the penitentiary.

The grand jury adjourned on Friday evening, having found forty-three indictments, classified as follows: Theft of horses, hogs and cattle, 15; perjury, 1; swindling, 1; unlawfully selling liquor, 1; assault with intent to commit rape, 1; carrying pistol, 1; assault with intent to murder, 6; adultery, 2; arson, 2; theft, 4; robbery, 1; burglary, 3; murder, 5.

MONDAY.—The cases of the State vs. Joshua Hall Davis and John Ward, charged with the murder of young Mahan, last spring, were set for trial today. Both cases were continued until the July term. The Davis case was continued by the State, and the Ward case on the affidavit of the defendant that material witnesses were absent.

A number of witnesses failed to answer when called. Judge Turner ordered the bonds of the witnesses to be forfeited, and a fine of \$100 in each case to be entered against them. One hundred and twenty jurors had been summoned, and the failure of the witnesses to attend puts the county to a heavy expense.

TUESDAY.—State vs. Isham Spann, colored, charged with assault with intent to commit rape. Acquitted.

State vs. John Schackey, white, swindling. Acquitted.

WEDNESDAY.—The day was occupied in hearing civil cases. No criminal business was transacted.

THURSDAY.—The criminal docket having been disposed of, the following prisoners were brought into court and sentenced to the penitentiary:

Gus Browning, colored, theft, two years.
Dick Browning, colored, theft, two years.
J. L. Thomas, white, theft of a horse, six years.

Tom Woodward, colored, manslaughter, two years.
Henry Williams, colored, theft of an ox, two years.

Dock Hester, colored, murder in the second degree, five years.
Frank Owens, white, theft, two years.

Lucius Hollins, colored, theft of a gelding, five years.
Eli West, theft of a gelding, five years.

The following named parties took an appeal:

Christopher Kratz, white, manslaughter, two years.
Tom Berkley, colored, murder in the second degree, five years.

GRAND PARADE.—The entire police force of Brenham, numbering six men, were out on Saturday night. As our city has not yet arrived at the dignity of informing her police, the squad bore a striking resemblance to the Mulligan Guard, with the exception that the men were all sound and good looking. In consequence of the parade, a number of colored strumpets jumped the town. The force turned out for the purpose of catching "Tom Collins," but Tom, being a sharper, also lit out. He is out yet.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT on Friday rather a novel incident occurred—it being the maiden effort of Mr. Alex. Thomas, colored, of Burton, a member of the Washington County Bar, who stated in the out-set that he was young at the business and somewhat rusty, and therefore claimed the indulgence of the Judge and jury, then went right straight to business. The effort is said to have been very creditable, and was listened to with attention.

MAYOR'S COURT.—This mill opened up on Saturday morning, and commenced grinding on the negro and white man who had the skirmish at Testard's stable. From the testimony, it was clear that the negro was alone to blame. He pleaded guilty, and was assessed one dollar and trimmings.

Two white men, strangers in town, got on a "high lonesome" a night or two ago, and losing their bearings intruded upon two colored families, frightening them so badly that they left the cabins and fled for safety. The men were identified, and upon appearing before this honorable court, were put upon trial. One was fined \$25 and the other \$18, with the concomitant trimmings. Total, \$51. They paid up, but think they were charged a little too much.

A MEETING of the District Joint Stock Association Patrons of Husbandry was held at the Opera House on Friday. Their business is buying, shipping and selling produce, plantations and supplies and implements. This Association is chartered by the State. Their capital is \$20,000.

The dividends last year amounted to 105 per cent., or a little more than the amount of capital invested. They have an agent who purchases wagons and agricultural implements.

THE COUNCIL also held their monthly meeting for the transacting of business.

WEEKLY COTTON STATEMENT.—Mr. W. K. Lewis furnishes the BANNER with the following statement for the week ending Thursday the 31st inst.:

Net receipts.....314
Shipments.....306
Stock on hand.....1665
Total receipts.....18,527
Freight to New York, 80c. per 100 lbs., rail and water.
Weather report by Dr. Wood:
Total rainfall in inches......44
Highest temperature.....74
Lowest temperature.....49
Average temperature.....61.3

A PISTOL CASE.—It transpired Friday that the Mayor had issued a permit, either verbal or written, allowing a certain person the privilege of carrying a pistol on his way home at night. The man was arrested by the police; the Mayor, having issued the permit, declined to enter into any charges against him.—The case, it is said, will have an investigation in the County Courts. We simply give the facts as we learn them.

THERE was a great many colored people in town Friday in attendance on District Court, which has been occupied nearly all the week in the trial of colored murder cases. The court has them well disciplined, and we heard one colored gentleman remark that he would not be out of the way when called for a twenty-five dollar bill.

ACCIDENT.—Charles Thornton, a negro, while engaged in unloading a car of lumber at the yard of Wood and Low, on Saturday morning, met with a very serious accident. He was on the ground taking off a piece of lumber when the standard broke, letting a large quantity fall upon him, crushing him down, fracturing his skull and severely injuring his chest, causing hemorrhage, from which he died at 9 o'clock that night.

KNOCKDOWN ARGUMENT.—At an early hour on Saturday morning a drunken and ostentatious negro went to Testard's stable for the purpose of raising a row. He succeeded. A young man at the stable knocked the negro down with a hoe handle, and was making things quite lively when Officer Doran put an appearance in his position as peace officer, and gobbled up the twain.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—We regret to learn that Mr. E. Seidel, an old citizen of this county, met a violent death a few days ago. The deceased was the proprietor of Seidel's store, some five miles southwest from Burton. He had been riding and was leading his horse along the road, when the animal reared up, pawing Mr. Seidel on the head, and inflicting injuries from which he died. He was a good citizen, and was highly respected by his neighbors.

THE CITY.—A representative of the BANNER on Sunday afternoon last took an extensive stroll around the city. In his perambulations he took in the city new dwellings are being put up, many of them handsome. Gardens are being prepared for the spring crop of vegetables, some of which are already planted and up. Trees are being pruned, and flower gardens put in order. A walk in almost any direction in the city betokens evidences of thrift and prosperity on the part of our citizens.

BLASTERY.—Tuesday was a regular blastery day. The wind whistled around the corners, and the sand was carried in dense volumes almost everywhere. It was a regular dusty day, just the thing to make dry goods merchants and their clerks indulge in profanity. The amount of "dusting" to be done in the stores is almost incalculable.

EARLY MUSTACHIOS.—A young gentleman of this city, who is very industriously engaged in cultivating his first mustache, has at last succeeded in sprouting three several hairs on each side of his lip, and has each hair named. The three on the right side he calls Buck, Brindle and Berry; the three on the left Jim, Charley and Jack.

BRENNHAM LITERARY SOCIETY.—Programme for next Friday Evening: Reading—Miss Lulu Word, Miss Ella Holland, Mr. E. F. Ewing and Mr. Bates McFarland. Music—Misses L. Levin, Rutherford, Margie King, Messrs. Palmer, Franklin and C. C. Lockett.

THERE was a considerable number of the colored population in town Saturday, and, strange to say, some of them indulged pretty freely in the wholesale destruction of "tam-merack," and in consequence became a little talkative and boisterous, but the presence of the "peelers" had a salutary effect in preserving order.

PAVEMENT.—A substantial wooden pavement is to be put down in front of the Stephens' building, on the corner of Sandy and St. Charles streets. This is a much needed improvement. A similar pavement on Sandy street, in front of the Abbott building, would add greatly to the comfort of pedestrians in damp weather.

THE STODDART COMEDY COMPANY, who are to appear on Monday and Tuesday next, the 11th and 12th inst., are to perform on both evenings for the benefit of the Brenham Greys. This company was here early in the season, and gave immense satisfaction to their audiences. The Stoddart is decidedly the best company that ever traveled in the interior of Texas.

COLLISION.—Two colored men, fearfully inoculated with bug juice, indulged in a little set-to near the market Saturday evening. Result, one of the combatants knocked down, arrested and caged. The man who did the punning "skipped the town" to evade arrest, and as he disappeared over the brow of a hill a Day Peeler was heard to exclaim: "More trimmings gone."

DOG BIT.—On Thursday as Mr. Albert Rippey was out on his rounds collecting rents, he called at a negro cabin in the vicinity of the Kennon warehouse; upon entering the gate he was attacked by a large black dog, that was chained, and bitten in the calf of the leg—the dogs teeth penetrating through his boot leg. He had the wound cauterized and took the usual precaution in such cases.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued by H. M. Lewis, County Clerk, for the week ending February 7th.

Wilhelm Bais and Henrietta Schlichte.
Valentine R. Hirschbuhl and Annie Jover.
Robert P. Boyd and L. A. Campbell.
J. P. Harrell and Jennie Chown.

CABBAGE PLANTS for sale by L. B. Holt & Co., at the depot.

REARRESTED.—Tom Robinson, a negro, who has been spending his leisure time in the county jail awaiting trial under two indictments, was on Tuesday arraigned in the District Court, and upon the written motion of the District Attorney, was dismissed as to one of them. The sheriff did not know there was another indictment against Tom, he told him he could go. As he went around perhaps for another arrest, he may give such parties trouble.

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